# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
# LOK SABHA

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WELFARE SCHEME FOR SC/ST AND SAFAI KARAMCHARIS
THAAWAR CHAND GEHLOT

**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) the details of the financial assistance provided for the welfare schemes for Minorities, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Safai Karamcharis etc. during the last three years in the country, State-wise and scheme-wise;

(b) whether any State Government has misutilised the said funds; and

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken by the Government thereon?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) to(e)Details of financial assistance released to various States during the last three years underthe schemes implemented by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and Ministry ofTribal Affairs are given in the Annual reports of the Ministries. Details of implementation of these schemes including utilization of funds etc. are maintained by State/UTs. With a view toutilize the amount provided for implementation of various schemes/programmes for welfare of target groups, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and Ministry of Tribal Affairs are taking the following steps:-

(i) Release of funds to Staftes/UTs is made on the basis of a detailed examination of the proposals received.

(ii) Utilisation Certificates are insisted upon in respect of past releases before fresh releases are made,

(iii) Periodic progress reports are obtained from the States/UTs, showing the progress ofimplementation of schemes, the beneficiaries covered and other relevant information/data.

(iv) Senior Officers from the Ministries visit the States/UTs to asses the progress of implementation of schemes,

(v) Meetings with State Secretaries in charge of the subject are convened to ascertain the progress of implementation of schemes,

(vi) In the case of schemes implemented through Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs),funds are released after an assessment of the standing of the NGO, past performance, etc.Apart from periodic progress reports, the NGOs are required to furnish Annual accounts and audited reports and Utilization Certificates on the basis of which further release offunds are made. Inspection of NGOs is also undertaken through State Government/UT Officials and other Authorities and also by Central Government Officers.